

Hearing: The H-2B Guestworker Program and Improving the Department of Labor's Enforcement of the Right's of Guestworkers

Date: April 23, 2009, 1:30 p.m.

Location: Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2154

On Thursday, April 23, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Domestic Policy Subcommittee will hold a hearing entitled, "The H-2B Guestworker Program and Improving the Department of Labor's Enforcement of the Right's of Guestworkers"

This hearing will examine the state of the H-2B Guestworker program, focusing on the Department of Labor's role in overseeing and enforcing labor rights for non-agricultural Guestworkers who come to work in the United States lawfully through the H-2B visa program.

Witnesses List:

Panel 1

Mr. Aby Karickathara Raju, Former H-2B Guestworker from India for Signal International LLC, Member of the Alliance of Guestworkers for Dignity

Mr. Miguel Angel Jovel Lopez, Former H-2B Guestworker from El Salvador for Cumberland Environmental Resources, Co., Member of the Alliance of Guestworkers for Dignity

Mr. Daniel Castellanos-Contreras, Former H-2B Guestworker from Peru for Decatur Hotels LLC, Organizer and Founding Member of the Alliance of Guestworkers for Dignity

Panel 11

Mr. Saket Soni, Executive Director, New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice

Ms. Mary Bauer, Director, Immigrant Justice Project, Southern Poverty Law Center

Ms. Catherine Ruckelshaus, Legal Co-Director, National Employment Law Project

Professor Patrick A. McLaughlin, Ph.D, Mercatus Center at George Mason University